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FLICKERS RI INTERNATIONAL HORROR FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FILM AWARDS FOR 13TH SEASON

63 films from across the globe vie for adjudicated genre awards

PROVIDENCE, RI (October 31, 2012) – The eerie, macabre and bizarre in the world of cinema were given their due with the wrap of the **13th Annual Flickers RI International Horror Film Festival** through adjudicated awards. From an entry base of 461 submissions featuring work from 20 countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Georgia and the United States. 63 films were screened during the cinematic symphony of horror, October 25-28th at Roger Williams University, the Paff Theatre at the URI Feinstein College of Continuing Education, the Bell Street Chapel Theatre, the Jamestown Arts Center, Fort Adams State Park and the Providence Public Library. Attending this year were the cast and crew from 6 of the international films screened during the Festival including "Towers," "The Thing on the Doorstep," "Franky and the Ant," "Exhumed," and "Fallout" for their premieres, along with directors and producers Jet Wintzer, Tom Gliserman, Will Severin, Derek Dubois, Billy Hayes, and Richard Griffin.

The FLICKERS: RI International Horror Film Festival is sponsored by Amtrak, Fort Adams State Park, The Providence Phoenix, RISCA, Cox on Demand, The Rhode Island Film & Television Office, The Harrington School of Communications and Media at the University of Rhode Island, The URI College of Arts & Sciences, The Film Media Program, and the URI Feinstein College of Continuing Education, Roger Williams University and the RWU Film Production Club.

"We made a concerted effort this year to recognize films that are redefining the Horror, Fantasy, and Sci-Fi genres" said **Shawn Quirk** the Program Director of the Rhode Island International Film Festival, that produces the Horror Festival sidebar. "The fear of the unknown and the inexplicable was palpable throughout this year's diverse international program. It's inspiring to see genre films that challenge us and explore new territory from all corners of the globe."

Despite the threat of Hurricane Sandy, cinephiles and horror enthusiasts alike gathered from across the north east to enjoy everything from the Opening Night Spooktacular at the Bell Street Chapel in Providence to the "Behind the Camera Lens," which featured Steven Feinberg, the executive director of the RI Film and Television Office, Derek Dubois, a Rhode Island based independent filmmaker, and Ben Bornstein, one of the leading makeup and special effects artists in New England. The forum was held at the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center at Roger Williams University in Bristol

"From the sold-out HP Lovecraft Walking Tour to the numerous special programming events this Festival offered, we are proud to see that this sidebar to RIIF has become an anticipated and fun community event." Quirk added.

Winners of top prizes for the 2012 Festival:

BEST SHORT FILM:

"La Granja"

Directed by Ignacio Lasierra, Spain

1st Place:

"She's Lost Control"

Directed by Haritz Zubillaga, Spain

Tied with:

"Vadim"

Directed by Peter Hengl, Austria

BEST FEATURE FILM:

"Up There"

Directed by Zam Salim, UK

Tied with:

"Towers"

Directed by Jet Wintzer, USA

1st Place:

"Exhumed"

Directed by Richard Griffin, USA

H.P. LOVECRAFT AWARD:

"The Thing on the Doorstep"

Directed by Tom Gliserman, USA

BEST DOCUMENTARY:

"Nightmare Factory"

Directed by Donna Davies, Canada

BEST SCIENCE FICTION FILM:

"Advantageous"

Directed by Jennifer Phang, USA

BEST FANTASY FILM:

"The Glow"

Directed by Bryan Ott, Thailand

BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM:

"The Soul Never Sleeps"

Directed by Chris Peters, USA

FILMMAKER DISCOVERY AWARD:

"Chilly"

Directed by Dylan Kohler, USA

NEW ENGLAND DISCOVERY AWARD

"Fallout"

Directed by Derek Dubois, USA

BEST MAKEUP/SPECIAL EFFECTS

"Eaglewalk"

Directed by Rob Himebaugh, USA

The next edition of the **Flickers RI International Horror Film Festival** will take place **October 17-20, 2013**.

ABOUT FLICKERS: RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL:

The **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** has secured its place in the global community as the portal for the best in international independent cinema, earning the respect of domestic and foreign filmmakers, filmgoers and trend watchers. This confluence of art and commerce brought together world-class celebrities, award-winning filmmakers, new talent and audience members in record numbers last year. Ranked as one of the top-12 festivals in the United States, **RIIFF** is one of 75 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the **Academy Awards** through its partnership with the **Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences**.

For more information about the **FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival**, running **Aug. 6-11, 2013** at The Vets (formerly Veterans Memorial Auditorium), please visit our website at **www.RIFilmFest.org** or call us at **401.861.4445**.

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